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1. REFTEL IS CORRECT AS REGARDS NON-PARTICIPATION OF
ISRAEL IN WEO GROUPS IN NEW YORK. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD
BE NOTED THAT ISRAEL IS PRESENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH
WEO MEMBERS IN UNESCO.

2. UNESCO HAS VARIOUS FORMAL REGIONAL GROUPINGS; THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE DETERMINES THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH.
IN 1974 ISRAEL TRIED TO ENTER BUT WAS EXCLUDED FROM
THE UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP (MADE UP OF BOTH EAST
AND WEST EUROPEANS AS WELL AS US AND CANADA). IN 1976,
HOWEVER, ISRAEL WAS INCLUDED IN THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL
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GROUP BY A DETERMINATION OF THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF UNESCO. SINCE THAT TIME, ISRAEL HAS CAUCUSED WITH
THE UNESCO WEO MEMBERS, WHO FORM PART OF THE LARGER
FORMAL EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP.

3. AS STATED REFTEL, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE US
SHOULD RECOMMEND ISRAELI DELEGATE JOIN WEO GROUP AT

UN CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES.

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